GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL TRIBAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated National Tribal Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Tribal Affairs has formulated a draft National Tribal Policy in June 2006, in order to address the issues concerning tribals viz. lower Human Development Index, poor infrastructure, diminishing control over the natural resource base, persistent threats of eviction from their natural habitat, exclusion from mainstream society, inequality in distribution of wealth and opportunities, non-empowerment, and inadequate implementation of Constitutional provisions, and to ensure their active and informed participation in development. After extensive consultation with various stakeholders, the final draft of Policy was placed before the Union Cabinet for approval on 31st May 2007. The Union Cabinet has referred it to a Group of Ministers for harmonization with the National Rehabilitation Policy. Three meetings of Group of Ministers have already held. Since the Policy is required to be finalized following the laid down procedure, no specific time period can be stipulated at this juncture.